

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): 2-[4-[2-(7-Trifluoromethylbenzoxazol-2-ylthio)ethyl]piperazin-1-yl]-N-[4-hydroxy-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]acetamide, or a salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

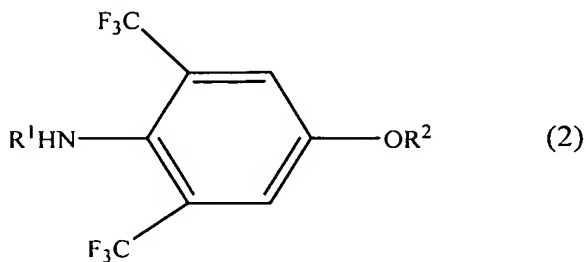
2. (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising 2-[4-[2-(7-trifluoromethylbenzoxazol-2-ylthio)ethyl]piperazin-1-yl]-N-[4-hydroxy-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]acetamide, or a salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

3-4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended): A method for treating arteriosclerosis or hyper-lipidemia, which comprises:

administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of 2-[4-[2-(7-trifluoromethylbenzoxazol-2-ylthio)ethyl]piperazin-1-yl]-N-[4-hydroxy-2,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]acetamide or a salt ~~or solvate~~ thereof.

6. (Currently Amended): A compound represented by formula (2):



wherein,

R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or an XCH₂CO- group (in which, X is a halogen atom), and

R^2 represents a protective group selected from lower alkyl groups which may be optionally substituted, lower alkenyl groups which may be optionally substituted, a benzyl group which may be optionally substituted, and a silyl group which may be optionally substituted;

with the proviso that when R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, then R^2 is not substituted C_2 - C_4 alkyl;

or a salt or solvate of said compound.

7. (Previously Presented): The compound of Claim 6, where R^1 represents a hydrogen atom.

8. (Currently Amended): The compound of Claim 6, where R^1 represents XCH_2CO- ~~in which, X is a halogen atom~~.

9. (Previously Presented): The compound of Claim 6, where R^2 represents a lower alkyl group which may be optionally substituted.

10. (Previously Presented): The compound of Claim 6, where R^2 represents a lower alkenyl group which may be optionally substituted.

11. (Previously Presented): The compound of Claim 6, where R^2 represents a benzyl group which may be optionally substituted.

12. (Previously Presented): The compound of Claim 6, where R^2 represents a silyl group which may be optionally substituted.

13. (Previously Presented): A method for reducing the accumulation of cholesterol in the artery wall comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1.

14. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein said subject has arteriosclerosis.

15. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein said subject has hyperlipidemia.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 13, wherein said compound is parenterally administered to said subject.